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WINNERS & LOSERS: CONGRESS PASSES CRIME BILL

Editor's note: The \$30.2 billion omnibus crime bill is not law just yet, but Pres. Bill Clinton is expected to sign the bill into law after Labor Day. Now, for what it's worth, here are CALPEEK's Crime Bill *winners & losers*...

- **The Lion King Award** - Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell wins this award hands down. Mitchell forged the bipartisan alliance in the senate which led to the 61-38 passage of the crime bill. The Demos and Pres. Clinton are really going to miss him next year...

- **Victory from Defeat Award** - Although many pundits, including CALPEEK, thought the crime bill was dead after that early disaster in the House, credit White House COS Leon Panetta, who took charge and helped win passage of the bill in the U.S. House...

- **Bipartisanship Award** - The crime bill could never have won approval *without* Republican support. In the House, more than 40 GOP members voted for the crime bill, including CA's Steve Horn, Michael Huffington & Elton Gallegly...

- **Calif.'s Big Winner** - U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein. It was her amendment to the crime bill to ban assault weapons which drove the NRA crazy. Another winner was L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan, who stuck his neck out to lobby GOP lawmakers in DC...

- **Send Them a Message Award** - Although it didn't get much publicity, U.S. Rep. Tony Beilenson (D-San Fernando Valley) authored an amendment that requires the Feds to reimburse State & local governments for the cost of jailing illegal alien criminals. That's \$1.8 billion over 6 years and full funding beginning in 2004...

- **Calif.'s Two Losers** - The biggest share of the

crime prevention money (about \$5.5 billion) will go to programs in the nation's big cities. U.S. Reps. Ron Dellums of Oakland and Maxine Waters of L.A. voted *against* the crime bill and yet the people they represent are those from the inner city who are hardest hit by crime...

- **Effective In Defeat Award** - Whether you like or hate the Nat'l Rifle Assn., politically speaking the NRA did an effective job in lobbying congress and confusing the public about *crime prevention* vs. "pork."...

- **Dignified In Defeat Award** - To GOP Senate Leader Bob Dole...

- **Undignified In Defeat Award** - To U.S. Sen. Al D'Amato (R-NY) --- ee-ii-ee-ii-ooohhh....

- **Gridlock Award** - To U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas. And remember this: "*Never trust a Texan who speaks with a nasal twang*," --- or so the saying goes. We'll see how Gramm's obstructionist views fly in 1996. Stay tuned...

LEGISLATIVE RACES: FALL ELECTION BATTLES

Editor's note: This week CALPEEK begins its 1994 Fall coverage of State Senate and State Assembly contests. This week we'll present an overview of the battle for control of the STATE SENATE. Next week the ASSEMBLY. Here is CALPEEK's brief report on *targets of opportunity*...

...Demos control the State Senate with 22 members. There are 2 independents (Kopp & Killea) who more often than not side with the Demos and 15 Republicans. There is 1 vacancy in the 29th S.D., but that seat will stay in GOP hands. Of the 20 senate seats up Nov. 8th,

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14 are held by Demos, 5 by GOPers and Quentin Kopp of S.F. is the lone independent. Here's the way insiders see things shaping up:

- **The Top GOP Target** - The 6th S.D. may have a good Demo registration numbers (53.92%), but Republicans feel long time incumbent Sen. Leroy Greene is vulnerable. And in Sacto Co. Sup. Dave Cox, the GOP has a solid candidate...

- **The Demo Watch List** - While Greene is a sure target, many insiders place the following Demos on the *watch list*: Dan McCorquodale(12th S.D.); Ralph Dills (28th S.D.); Ruben Ayala(32nd S.D.) and Steve Peace (40th S.D.). Whether these incumbents become solid GOP targets remains to be seen...

- **The Top Demo Targets** - The Demos top target is 16th S.D. Sen. Phil Wyman of Bakersfield. It's also a top priority of the GOP to keep Wyman in this seat. Demo Assemblyman Jim Costa will again try to oust Wyman in this 57.55% Demo district. A second target is 4th S.D. Sen. Maurice Johannessen. The Demo is Yolo Co. Sup. Mike McGowan. Of the remaining GOP incumbents up this year (Maddy, Craven & Hurtt), none of these are on our watch list, although Demos may try to tie up Hurtt and his money...

- **Open Seat Battles** - Demos Gary Hart and Bob Presley are stepping down. In Hart's 18th S.D., Demos have recruited popular Assemblyman Jack O'Connell to battle GOPer Steve MacElvaine. In the Inland Empire's 36th S.D., hardline conservative Assemblyman Ray Haynes faces Riverside Co. Sup. Kay Cenicerros(D). Right now the odds favor a split --- with the Demos holding the 18th. Even though Cenicerros is very popular, GOP registration in the 36th is very solid at 49.34%. This will be a nasty battle. Stay tuned...

BALLOT MEASURE UPDATE: COST TO QUALIFY.

Editor's note: Here are a few brief items of interest concerning 1994 ballot measures...

- **NO on 186 on TV/Radio** - The opposition to Prop. 186 --- the so-called *single-payer health care* initiative --- is already on TV and radio, pounding away with a very effective message. The NO side spokesperson is from a group called the Organization of Nurse Executives -- a rather small group and not to be con-

fused with the much larger CA Nurses Assn., who are *major supporters* of YES on 186. But the TV/radio ads seem believable and that's what counts. And if YES on 186 doesn't get on radio or TV soon, the NO side will have *defined the issue*...

- **Correction On Election Guide** - On the YES on 186 phone number, we left off the last digit. It should have been 1-800-525-0101...

- **No on 184 Changes Managers** - The cmt. opposing "3 Strikes & You're Out" has changed campaign consultants. OUT is L.A.-based Siegel & Nicholl and IN is McElroy Communications of Sacto. The new phone number on NO on 184 will be (916)447-7415...

- **Cuba vs. Mexico (Prop. 187)** - CA Gov. Pete Wilson via an open letter in the NY Times to Pres. Bill Clinton asks: if you're going to stop the Cubans from entering the U.S. illegally in Florida with the Coast Guard, why won't you do something about the illegals coming across our border with Mexico? FYI: an excellent op-ed piece on this subject appeared in the Aug. 29 issue of the S.F. Chronicle by Debra Saunders, titled, "No-Fault Government It Is."...

- **Big Bucks Spent to Qualify** - Just how much did the YES committees of the various initiatives spend on qualifying for the Nov. 8th ballot? Lots, according to Acting SOS Tony Miller. According to the report, the leader was **Prop. 188** (smoking regulations) with \$2.34 million. Next was **Prop. 184** (3 Strikes) with \$972,181; followed by **Prop. 186** (single payer) with \$944,173; **Prop. 185** (gas tax transit fund) \$689,361; and **Prop. 187** (SOS) with \$540,596. Stay tuned...

CRP TO HOST FALL CONVENTION IN SAN DIEGO.

The CA Republican Party(CRP) will hold its annual Fall convention Sept. 16-18 at the Town & Country Hotel in San Diego. GOP Senate Leader Bob Dole and NRSC chair Phil Gramm(R-TX) are expected to attend. For info (818)841-5210. FYI: Sources tell CALPEEK that there could be some fireworks at the CRP convention IF a resolution sponsored by CRL President Tricia Hunter gets past the resolutions cmt. Hunter's resolution calls for the CRP to denounce the recent murder of a doctor at a Florida clinic where *abortions* were performed. This is a *big tent test* that probably won't fly...

FORMER VP QUAYLE AT COMMONWEALTH CLUB.

Former Vice Pres. Dan Quayle(R) will address members of the Commonwealth Club of CA, 11:45 a.m., Sept. 8, Hilton Hotel, S.F. His speech is called "The Poverty of Values: Part II." For info (415)597-6705...

KATHLEEN BROWN AT COMMONWEALTH CLUB.

Demo gubernatorial candidate Kathleen Brown will address members of the Commonwealth Club of CA, 11:45 a.m., Sept. 13, St. Francis Hotel, S.F. Brown's speech is titled, "Building a New Calif." For info and RSVPs, call (415)597-6705...

29th S.D. SPECIAL UPDATE: WITH A WEEK TO GO INSIDERS LEAN TOWARD MILLER & MOUNTJOY.

Editor's note: The Sept. 13th special election to replace former Sen. Frank Hill is coming down to the wire. Here's our update & analysis...

...It's a given that unless lightning strikes, the 29th S.D. will remain in the GOP column for a long time. But who among the top 3 Republican contenders has the edge in what has turned into a **very nasty** special? Insiders are betting on either Diamond Bar Councilman Gary Miller or Assemblyman Dick Mountjoy of Arcadia. Most sources say it would take a minor miracle to put Assemblyman Paul Horcher into an expected Nov. 8th runoff. To date, sources haven't seen anything to indicate Horcher has the resources to be *competitive*. FYI: at the big CA Lincoln Club debate on Aug. 19th, Horcher was a *no show* and that angered this group of influential Republicans...

...The key in this special is *money* and *name ID*. Miller, with *deep pockets*, may pump in upwards of \$500,000 of his own. Mountjoy will be outspent, but sources say *he'll be competitive*. On the other hand, Mountjoy has substantial name ID --- and this offsets Miller's advantage with money. When it comes to *The Endorsement Game*, Mountjoy is running away with most of the big names, including 29 members of the 33-member GOP Assembly Caucus, plus U.S. Rep. David Dreier and Bruce Herschensohn...

...The money being spent is primarily going into direct mail --- and a big piece of the direct mail budget went into VBM (vote by mail) programs. According to the L.A. Co. Registrar of Voters, 20,630 vbm applications were received as of 8/26. Of that number, 17,580 absentee ballots were mailed; and of those mailed, 5,480

have been returned. The Miller campaign put the most effort into VBM, followed by Mountjoy. This is where Miller's advantage in money may pay off. Stay tuned...

U.S. HOUSE RACES: FALL ELECTION BATTLES.

Editor's note: Here's another update on various U.S. House races...

● **43rd C.D.** - The reelection campaign of freshman U.S. Rep. Ken Calvert(R-Corona) has taken a very nasty turn, but not directly due to Calvert or his Demo rival, community college trustee Mark Takano. As CALPEEK readers may recall, hardline conservative Bob Lynn has been attempting to qualify in the 43rd as an *independent*. Lynn needs 8,500 signatures to make the Nov. 8th ballot. He turned in 9,700. The results should be known by Sept. 1 or 2. In the meantime, at a recent community forum, hardline conservative Assemblyman Ray Haynes of Temecula was stumping FOR Calvert and was urging voters NOT to support Lynn. If Lynn gets on the ballot, he'll cut into Calvert's base and that will help Takano. As reported in the Moreno Valley Times and repeated in several other newspapers, Haynes told the audience he didn't want to be represented in congress by a *homosexual*. The reference was aimed at Takano. Calvert was standing next to Haynes when he made the remark. The Takano campaign offered *no comment*. But the Aug. 21st lead editorial of the Riverside Press-Enterprise really went after Haynes by saying, "...There is something very wrong with a man who has no sense of decency." By saying what he did, has Haynes opened Pandora's Box? Will Republicans who are in public service be "*outed*" in retaliation???

● **37th C.D.** - While CALPEEK was on vacation, freshman U.S. Rep. Walter Tucker III(D-Compton) was indicated on charges of political corruption. Tucker is accused of accepting bribes while he served as mayor of Compton. Tucker denies any wrongdoing and has hired defense attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr. FYI: The 37th C.D. has a 13.13% GOP registration, which probably accounts for the reason why Tucker has NO Republican opponent this November...

● **16th C.D.** - Demo upset winner Zoe Lofgren has replaced the Campaign Performance Group with Ambrosino & Muir. Lofgren is a heavy favorite to win this seat over GOp Lyle Smith. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK'S ETCETERA: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

- **Will Clinton Pick Reilly?** - S.F. Chron political writers Phillip Matier & Andrew Ross, in an Aug. 23rd column, suggest that S.F. political consultant Clint Reilly could be in line to run Pres. Bill Clinton's 1996 reelection campaign. The big IF in Matier & Ross story: Clint first has to get Kathleen Brown elected governor --- no easy task...

- **CALPEEK's Quote of the Month** - It's from L.A. Times political reporter Dave Leshner's Aug. 28th story about the big GOP fundraiser for U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein(D) in Santa Barbara --- home turf of Michael Huffington. The quote is from former Congressman Robert Lagomarsino, the man Huffington defeated in that very bitter 1992 GOP primary. Lago said, "*Money can buy a lot of things --- it can buy advertising, it can buy a lot of name I.D. But it can't buy character, or experience or know-how or class. And it sure as hell shouldn't be able to buy a U.S. Senate seat.*" Santa Barbara News Press political reporter Scott Wilson's story under banner headlines said the DiFi event at the home of GOP businessman Barney Klinger brought in more than \$100,000 --- the largest amount ever raised for a Demo in Santa Barbara...

- **Handgun Control, Inc. CA Slate** - The DC-based group headed by Sarah Brady will introduce a new slate aimed at helping elect candidates who support sensible gun laws. The Kamber Group (Harvey Englander in Calif.) will develop & manage the slate. For info, call Monica Prado (714)374-2248...

L.A. COUNCILMAN SVORINICH AT AFFAIRS FORUM.

L.A. Councilman Rudy Svorinich will be the guest speaker when the L.A. Current Affairs Forum holds its Sept. 14 luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, in downtown L.A. Reception 11:45 a.m., lunch at 12:30 p.m. For info & RSVPs, call Emma Schafer at (310) 445-8862...

WIPA TO HEAR ARIANNA HUFFINGTON ON SEPT. 12.

Mrs. Arianna Huffington will discuss her new book, "The Fourth Instinct" when she addresses members of Women In Public Affairs, 11:30 a.m. reception, 12 noon lunch, Sept. 12, Hotel Inter-Continental L.A. For info & RSVPs, call (213)276-7206...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

- The CA Medical Assn. has named Dean Chalios as the new exec. director of CALPAC - the CMA's political action cmt. Chalios was CMA's Asst. Director of Govt. Relations in Sacto...

- H.D. Palmer jumps from the CA Dept. of Finance to become communications director for Gov. Pete Wilson's reelection cmt...

- Clark Davis is now the president/CEO of L.A.-based Fitch/Davis Associates, having purchased 100% of the stock from Alma Fitch, who is no longer actively involved in the firm's daily lobbying or campaign management activities. F/DA is at 3250 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 807, L.A. 90010. (213)739-0067...

- Hill & Knowlton has moved its L.A. office westward on Wilshire Boulevard. The new address is 6500 Wilshire Blvd., 21st Floor, L.A. 90048. New phone is (213)966-5700...

- Wayne C. Johnson & Assoc. moved to a larger office at 400 Capitol Mall, Ste. 1560, Sacramento, CA 95814. New phone is (916)446-8866. And Johnson has hired Max Rayner as a consultant. Rayner was deputy director of the Unz for Governor campaign...

- A sad note: political consultant and former journalist George Voigt, 74, died July 31 of cancer. R.I.P...

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